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SUBJECT: BIO DATA ON MODESTO FAROLAN (GOP DELEGATE TO PNG
INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES)

REF: PORT MORESBY 0880, 0882

1. SEVENTY-FIVE YEAR OLD MODESTO FAROLAN IS SECRETARY GENERAL OF PHILIPPINES' ASEAN NATIONAL SECRETARIAT, AS WELL AS AMBASSADOR TO JAKARTA. HE WAS SLATED TO BECOME FIRST HEAD OF ASEAN SECRETARIAT BEFORE ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING LAST MAY DECIDED THAT AN INDONESIAN WOULD INITIALLY FILL THE SLOT. (FAROLAN MAY YET GET IT WHEN PHILIPPINES TURN COMES ROUND). FAROLAN'S TENACIOUS GRASP ON KEY DIPLOMATIC ASSIGNMENTS DESPITE HIS OVERWHELMING INEFFECTIVENESS IS RESULT OF HIS LONG AND APPARENTLY STILL CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH PRESIDENT MARCOS, A FELLOW NATIVE OF ILOCOS PROVINCE AND A BLOOD RELATIVE. FAROLAN WAS A JOURNALIST BEFORE WORLD WAR II AND SERVED AS CONSUL GENERAL IN HAWAII (1946-9) AND AMBASSADOR TO CAMBODIA AND VIETNAM (1962-?) BEFORE TAKING JAPARTA POST.

2. WE ARE UNAWARE OF RUMOR MRS. MARCOS MAY ATTEND SEPTEMBER 16 PNG INDEPENDENCE RITES, AS ARE AUSTRALIAN COLLEAGUES
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HERE, AND DOUBT SHE WOULD BE SO INCLINED, HAVING JUST

RETURNED FROM LATIN AMERICAN TRIUMPHAL TOUR. HOWEVER, SINCE
DATE IS STILL ALMOST THREE WEEKS AWAY, SHE HAS AMPLE TIME
FOR TYPICAL LAST-MINUTE DECISION. FACT THAT PRINCE CHARLES
WILL BE THERE MIGHT TEMPT HER PNG-WARDS AND ATTENDANCE
WOULD ALSO ACCORD WITH HER FAVORITE ROLE AS TORCH BEARER
FOR THIRD WORLD RELATIONSHIPS. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO KEEP YOU
ADVISED OF ANY CHANGES IN GOP REPRESENTATION.

3. ADB OFFICE HERE SENDING BIO ON GUNESKERA SEPTTEL.
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